

# *Venice Presbyterian Church*



**Church News**  
**Week of July 25, 2010**

*“To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known”*

# Around the Rialto



## *Welcome to Our Visitors!*

For our first time visitors, please fill out the **Welcome** card in the pew rack and stop by the Welcome/Information Center— we have a gift for you! We pray you have experienced the presence of God here at Venice Presbyterian Church.

## **AROUND CAMPUS**

Please pray for Pastor Chris and family while he is on sabbatical. For all pastoral concerns, please contact the church office, 488-2258.

A Summer Reading list of a variety of books, fictional novels, and biographies suggested by Pastor Chris, is available at the Kiosk, near the Information Center, on the weekly E-News, and will be posted to our website. We encourage you to read these books that will offer great *food for thought* during the summer. These books are available for purchase through major on-line booksellers and many are on the shelves of local bookstores.

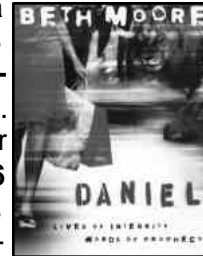
Our church library also has the books listed above in a special display.

### Update on Pastor Lyn's Health

*Thank you for all the prayers, cards, emails, notes, food and acts of kindness shown me and Ron during the past 7 months of my treatment for breast cancer. I am grateful God placed me among you for such a time. And I am happy to report my treatments are complete and the prognosis is excellent! I even have a new hair-do to manage! May God continue to richly bless us all. Pastor Lyn*

## **BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY**

Back by popular demand, a NEW Beth Moore Women's Bible Study will begin **Tuesday, August 31, at 2 p.m.** or you may sign up for **Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.** Join us in "Daniel's Den" for a feast as we kick-off our first Part I "Daniel: Lives of Integrity".



We will have the workbooks available at that time. *Child care available at either session.* Sign up on the ministry patio today and reserve your workbook \$15. Invite your friends!

Serendipity Bible Studies: we have ongoing classes each Thursday and Friday. For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a small group table leader, please contact Bettie Thompson, 496-7589. Serendipity Bibles are available for \$18 in the church office during the week.

## **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

This 13 week series teaching how to achieve financial security in spite of today's difficult times was created and is taught via DVD by the nationally renowned author, radio and TV personality Dave Ramsey. The program is proven, Ramsey is a great and entertaining teacher. There is no better time to begin getting your financial lives in order. For registration or additional information, please stop by the Ministry patio today to sign up or contact Joe & Kecia Younts, 539-5679. Cost is \$90 per family kit and class size is limited. Classes begin August 31.

# Worship

# Fellowship

Today we welcome guest organist, *Mary Vaughn* while our Director of Music, Warren Apple, is away on vacation.

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The main floral arrangement is given today by Larry Henry in memory of wife, *Doris*; and by Petie Doudna Bo in memory of *Dick Doudna*. The white and pink roses are given today by Sally Bludeau in honor of the birth of twin great-grandchildren, *Corinne and Connor Bludeau* born July 20.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

*Communion Sunday*

*"Coming to the Table" — Pastor Burke Johnson*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

*"Moment of Decision" — Pastor Burke Johnson*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

*"Hush, I Pray You" — Pastor Chuck Moffett*

## WEDNESDAY MORNING COMMUNION

There's an opportunity to gather for worship every Wednesday morning. VPC members, friends, and visitors gather in the sanctuary for a contemplative service of prayer and communion. All are invited to enter God's house, to the peaceful sound of meditative piano music and experience this mid-week spiritual lift. One of the pastors offers brief words of reflection on Scripture, followed by a time of silent and spoken prayers and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The service begins at 9 a.m. and concludes by 9:30.

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

This month's "Artist of the Month" highlights the watercolors of our own VPC member, Nina Broach. Among other works, Nina painted a series of Bible stories used for story hour with our children's program. Stop by the church office and view her beautiful works of art!

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

### CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW SUNDAY, AUGUST 8—5:30 PM

Stop by the patio today to purchase tickets for the dinner. Tickets are \$10 each. Children 5-12 are \$5, and ages 4 and under free. There will be a silent auction during dinner. You will be entertained by our children during their talent show. Proceeds benefit the VPC families for the Cedar-kirk Family Retreat in September.

## VIP SINGLES

Pick up a copy of our **Summer Newsletter** at the Kiosk near the Information Center. Whether you are unmarried, divorced, or widowed, member or friend of the church, all ages are welcome to join our singles family. For additional information, please call Jan Marshall, 497-1075.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 50+ YEARS!

<u>July Anniversaries (50+)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Frank & Peggy Gurney	26	58
George & Dagmar McLaughlin	26	52
John & Anne Rommel	26	52
Don & Flo Walker	25	51
Doug & Betty Wallace	31	62

## JULY Birthdays 90+

Ruth Durham	29
Mary Oswald	26

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# Caring Ministries

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Recent surgery or hospitalization: Lynda Chard, Dean Botjer, Bob Mowers.

Special Concerns: Vi Buehler, Rich Brooks, Ruth Johnson, Joan Pope, Hilda Krzczuk, Jack Wagner, Mollie Watters, Bill Webb.

In Care Facilities: Don Bloker, Elizabeth Boyd, Jim Brown, Jessie Calhoun, Mildred Cole, Arabella Fry, Edie Gardner, Ruth Godefroy, Julia Henderson, Alida Holman, Bob Jagel, Bob Kempes, Doris Long, Roy & Sue Mittelstadt, Bob Notter, Jean Patton, John Rommel, Earl Spurrier, Peggy Weil, Fred Winterbottom.

Bereavement: Cheryl Dillenbeck, Shirley DelVilan, Norma Sula.

***If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please notify the church office, 488-2258.***

## ASSISTING MINISTRIES

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT...**If you need medical equipment in your home, please contact JoAnne Kinney, 488-1097.

**CARE AND REPAIR...**For help with light repairs to the inside or outside of your home, call Wendall Schmoe, 485-1559.

**TRANSPORTATION...**For transportation to church or to the doctor, please call Judy Bacon, 966-6841.

**CARING MEALS...**If you or someone you know has recently been hospitalized and needs a home-cooked meal, please contact Bette Keys, 485-5694.

**VISITATION...**For those with special needs who could benefit from one of our "shepherds", or a visit from the cookie ministry, please call the church office, 488-2258.

## PRAYER MINISTRIES

**Prayer Request Cards**— (located in the pew back) may be placed in the offering plate or the box on the ministry patio. Requests are confidential, and are prayed for by the church's pastors and prayer teams.

**Prayer Chain Requests**—Please call Dorothy Brown, 486-5198.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**— Monthly meetings continue July 26 and August 23 at 12 noon. If anyone needs yarn or a prayer shawl, please contact Peg Moffett 485-9204.

**Catherine Morton Prayer Group** — meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to pray for those in need and to bring hope, love and healing. The group sends cards for all special occasions and invites you to sign them on Sundays, before and after worship services.

**Have A Heart** — we encourage you to continue to pray for our congregation's military personnel. A complete list with addresses is available at the Information Center Kiosk.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you in need of someone who cares? Someone who supports? Someone who listens? Someone who is confidential? Trained confidential Stephen Ministers are available. Please call Pastor Lyn Olson, 488-2258.



## HINT FOR HEALTH

Don't be too quick to close doors on your future. Instead, find more to *open*.

# Missions

# Family Ministries

## JULY MONTHLY MISSION GIVING

The July mission offering will be sent to Pregnancy Solutions. This organization offers free hospital grade pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, options and counseling.

The August mission offering will be sent to Helps International, the Guatemala Stove Project.

## GUATEMALA MISSION TEAMS

The next team dates for the mission trip are February 26-March 8, 2011, in Nebaj; the second trip is scheduled from March 12 to March 22, 2011, in Uspantan. For additional information, please contact Jim and Lois Weeks at [weeks6@comcast.net](mailto:weeks6@comcast.net).

## 3-CENTS-A-MEAL

3-cents-a-meal will be **received today**. By contributing three cents per person at each meal, individuals, families and groups are reminded each time they eat, of the needs of others and our call to respond as Christians to their hunger.

## SOUTH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

When shopping for the food pantry, try and take advantage of the buy one, get one free offers. That way, you can double the amount given. The best sales seem to be during the first week of the month. On behalf of the hungry in our community, *thank you*.

## WANT TO GIVE SOMEONE A HAND UP?

Center of Hope here in Venice is looking for a few good women and men to be trained as counselors to help Venice area homeless and poor people: (1) Apply for jobs and aid. (2) Identify resources in the area for help. **If you would like to serve in this capacity, please call pastor Ruffin (468-7797) or Paula Carlson (493-7502).**

*For additional information on Missions at VPC, check out our Short Term Mission Brochure. Copies are available at our Kiosk near the Information Center.*



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, AUGUST 15

**Parents:** We're asking each of our students to bring their backpacks to church... EMPTY! We will have notebooks, pencils, and other school supplies for you. There will be a special program for children during worship, **so invite your friends** for what will become an annual tradition to Bless Our Children as they return to school!

**Congregation:** School supplies are needed for this wonderful affirmation of the young ones in our Venice Community as they return to school. Items needed are: Notebooks, paper, pencils.

## BUDDY BREAK

Buddy Break started here at VPC in May 2008 with five children. We now have 63 VIPs and siblings actively participating. Buddy Break is the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come as a visitor to see how exciting it is! What a valuable mission of our church to sponsor this free respite program for special needs families. Contact Vicki Peel, 330-6003 for more information.

## CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

Worship is a large part of who we are as the body of Christ across all generations! The key connection point for all our Family Ministries is on the patio at the Family Welcome Center. This is a clearly marked area outside the sanctuary for children and young people; drop on by to:

- Sign-in your children and pick up your child's name tag
- Get flyers about upcoming events and opportunities
- And of course... We will welcome visitors and give them directions and instruction for where their children can go and where to pick them up.
- Following "The Time with Children" message, children are dismissed to attend the children's Sunday School Program.

### Elders Serving on the Session

*Dick Armstrong  
Patricia Barron  
Wil Bernstein  
Martha Bonham  
Glenn Breitzig  
Walter Cabral  
Frank Ebetino  
Judy Edmunds  
Marion Gianquinto  
Richard Gilbert  
Barbara Ives  
Bonnie Johnston  
Denny Kalgren  
Dennis Mock*

*Nonee Mossberg  
Pat O’Gorman  
Jean Pereira  
Mary Jo Perkins  
Donna Pirozzi  
Ginny Rubbright  
Lois Schmoe  
Carl Shook  
Chris Thomas  
Neill Thomasson  
Jim Weeks  
Kathy Wood*

### Pastoral Team

**Chris Romig**, Senior Pastor  
Worship and Discipleship

**Lyn Olson**, Pastor  
for Community Life

**Ruffin Stepp**, Pastor for  
Missions and Family Ministry

**Burke Johnson**  
Assistant Pastor

**Chuck Moffett**  
Assistant Pastor

**Howard Taylor**  
Assistant Pastor

### Ministry Staff

**Warren Apple**, Director of Music Ministries

**Kim Curran**, Chief Operating Officer

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